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<Date>

### **RE: Important Security Notification**

Please read this entire letter.

Dear <FirstName> <LastName>,

# **Notice of Data Incident**

We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have affected some of your personal information. While there is currently no indication that the personal information identified was used, there is reason to believe it may have been accessed during this incident.

## **What Happened**

The City of Coppell (hereinafter "the City") was the victim of an unknown third party gaining unauthorized access to the City network environment on October 23, 2024. Automated security systems responded immediately, helping to contain and mitigate the impact.

Upon learning of the issue, the City immediately engaged the appropriate forensic consultants to investigate the root of the incident, notify relevant law enforcement, secure its systems, prevent this issue from reoccurring, and identify any sensitive or personal information that may have been impacted as a result.

Our initial investigation determined that data stored on an impacted server may have been exposed without authorization. Thereafter, the City conducted a thorough review of the contents of the impacted files to determine if they contained any sensitive information. On March 26, 2025, after completing the extensive and exhaustive review, the City learned certain personal or sensitive information contained in its environment may have been exposed as result of the incident. Since that time, the City has been working diligently to identify and obtain sufficient information in order to provide you with this notice.

# **What Information Was Involved**

Your personal information, including a combination of your name and <a href="#">Data Elements</a>>, may have been exposed to others.

### What We Are Doing

Please be assured that we have taken every step necessary to address the incident. We take our obligation to safeguard the information we receive seriously. Once the incident was discovered, we quickly took action to minimize risks, including securing the compromised systems and initiating an investigation into the unauthorized access. We also coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Texas Department of Information for additional resources in an effort to assess the impact of the incident and better protect the City and its residents from future instances. We remain vigilant, continuously upgrading our already robust security measures to carefully safeguard against similar incidents.

In response to the incident, we are securing the services of Privacy Solutions to provide complimentary identity monitoring for <<12/24>> months at no charge.

### What You Can Do

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident, please review the Reference Guide at the end of this letter for additional steps on how to protect against identity theft and fraud.

To enroll in the credit monitoring services at no charge, please visit <a href="www.privacysolutions.com">www.privacysolutions.com</a> and enter the following activation code, << Activation Code>>, to activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information. Please note the deadline to enroll is September 30, 2025. Privacy Solutions provides credit monitoring through Equifax, credit report and score access, \$1 million identity theft insurance with \$0 deductible, Identity Restoration services, and dark web monitoring.

### **For More Information**

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern caused by this incident. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time, for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist with any questions regarding this incident. Please call 877-580-7778 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code.

While call center representatives should be able to provide thorough assistance and answer most of your questions, you may still feel the need to speak with a City representative regarding this incident. If so, please contact Justin Vaughn at (972) 304-3611 or <a href="mailto:JVaughn@coppelltx.gov">JVaughn@coppelltx.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Mike Land City Manager City of Coppell

#### REFERENCE GUIDE

#### **Review Your Account Statements**

Carefully review statements sent to you from your healthcare providers, insurance company, and financial institutions to ensure that all of your account activity is valid. Report any questionable charges promptly to the provider or company with which you maintain the account.

### **Order Your Free Credit Report**

To order your free annual credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, call toll-free at (877) 322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at <a href="www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 303485281. The three credit bureaus provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

Upon receiving your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you have not requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names; the credit bureau will be able to tell if this is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in information (such as home address and Social Security Number).

If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit bureau at the telephone number on the report. Errors may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing. Information that cannot be explained should also be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

# **Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission**

If you detect any unauthorized transactions in any of your financial accounts, promptly notify the appropriate payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incidents of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the matter to your local law enforcement authorities, state Attorney General and the FTC.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft by using the following contact information: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); www.ftc.gov/idtheft/.

## Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File

To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a credit grantor checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the credit grantor gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the credit grantor to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free fraud numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows flagging of your file with a fraud alert at all three credit bureaus.

Equifax	P.O. Box 105069	1-888-766-0008	www.equifax.com
Experian	P.O. Box 9554	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
TransUnion	P.O. Box 2000	1-800-680-7289	www.transunion.com

#### **Security Freezes**

You have the right to request a credit freeze from a consumer reporting agency, free of charge, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a security freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a security freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit.

Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit bureau. To place a security freeze on your credit report you must contact the credit reporting agency by phone, mail, or secure electronic means and provide proper identification of your identity. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a security freeze for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

Below, please find relevant contact information for the three consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 1-800-685-1111 www.equifax.com

Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com

Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion P.O. Box 160 1-888-909-8872 www.transunion.com

Woodlyn, PA 19094

Once you have submitted your request, the credit reporting agency must place the security freeze no later than 1 business day after receiving a request by phone or secure electronic means, and no later than 3 business days after receiving a request by mail. No later than five business days after placing the security freeze, the credit reporting agency will send you confirmation and information on how you can remove the freeze in the future.

### Provide Any Updated Personal Information to Your Health Care Provider

Your health care provider's office may ask to see a photo ID to verify your identity. Please bring a photo ID with you to every appointment if possible. Your provider's office may also ask you to confirm your date of birth, address, telephone, and other pertinent information so that they can make sure that all of your information is up to date. Please be sure and tell your provider's office when there are any changes to your information. Carefully reviewing this information with your provider's office at each visit can help to avoid problems and to address them quickly should there be any discrepancies.

#### **Additional Information**

Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents: You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

<u>California Residents:</u> Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<u>www.oag.ca.gov/privacy</u>) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

<u>District of Columbia:</u> Contact the District of Columbia Office of Attorney General for steps to avoid identity theft: (202) 727-3400, 400 6th Street, NW, Washington DC 20001, <a href="http://oag.dc.gov.">http://oag.dc.gov.</a>

<u>Kentucky Residents:</u> Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

<u>Maryland Residents:</u> Maryland Attorney General: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/.

Massachusetts Residents: You have the right to obtain a police report and request a free security freeze as described above.

<u>New York Residents:</u> You can obtain information from the New York State Office of the Attorney General about how to protect yourself from identity theft and tips on how to protect your privacy online. You can contact the New York State Attorney General at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755 or 1-800-7889898; https://ag.ny.gov/. You also may contact the Bureau of Internet and Technology (BIT), 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005; 212-416-8433; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/about/about-office/economic-justice-division#internet-technology">https://ag.ny.gov/about/about-office/economic-justice-division#internet-technology</a>.

<u>North Carolina Residents:</u> You can obtain information from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office about preventing identity theft. You can contact the North Carolina Attorney General at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400; <a href="https://www.ncdoj.gov.">www.ncdoj.gov.</a>

<u>Oregon Residents:</u> We encourage you to report suspected identity theft to the Oregon Attorney General at: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096; 1-877-877-9392 or 1-503-378-4400; <a href="https://www.doj.state.or.us.">www.doj.state.or.us.</a>

**Rhode Island Residents:** Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, <a href="https://www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>, Telephone: 401- 274-4400.

<u>South Carolina Residents:</u> You can obtain information from the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs: 293 Greystone Blvd., Ste. 400, Columbia, SC 29210; 800-922-1594; www.consumer.sc.gov.

<u>Texas Residents:</u> You can obtain information from the Texas Attorney General can be reached at: 300 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701; 800-621-0508; <a href="https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/">www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/</a>.

<u>Vermont Residents:</u> If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).

New Mexico: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. These rights include knowing what is in your file and your credit score; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you; as well as other rights. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCA, please visit <a href="https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf">https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</a>, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.